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#### **REMARKS**

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Notice of Non-compliant amendment, dated August 8, 2006, in which: claims 48-16 were treated by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected claim group by virtue of the claims originally presented in the application. Assignee understands the Examiner to be issuing a restriction requirement and determining that Assignee constructively elected claims 1-47 by originally presenting those claims for Examination. While Assignee does not concede the appropriateness of the Examiner's apparent restriction requirement, in order to advance prosecution of this case Assignee has cancelled claims 48-106 without prejudice. No prosecution history estoppel should result from this amendment because it is not a narrowing amendment, and Assignee reserves the right to pursue claims 48-106 and/or similar claims in a divisional application. Claims 1-47 are now pending in this case and have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claims 1-47 have been amended; however, these amendments are not in response to prior art or a rejection or objection from the Examiner. Claims 1-47 have been amended to clarify Assignee's claimed subject matter. Furthermore, the amendments to claims 1-47 do not narrow the scope of those claims, and in some instances, broaden the claims. It is, therefore, asserted that no prosecution history estoppel should result from these amendments. Support for these changes are provided throughout the specification.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-47 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Belifiore.

This rejection by the Examiner of these claims is respectfully traversed.

As is well-established, to make a <u>prima facie</u> rejection under 35 USC 102, the Examiner must provide a prior art document that includes each and every element and limitation of the rejected claim

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or claims. If even a single limitation is not present in the cited document, then the Examiner has failed to make a proper rejection under 35 USC 102.

Regarding the substance of the Examiner's rejections, we begin with claim 1, as amended.

Regarding this claim, the document cited by the Examiner does not make out a <u>prima facie</u> rejection under 35 USC § 102 because Belifiore does not disclose each and every element of claim 1. As just one example, Belifiore does not disclose "supplying an asset list over said network to a user device, said user device including a client process" as recited by claim 1.

More generally, it should be noted that Belfiore does not even appear to address the problems addressed by the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application. For example, Belifiore states "the present invention, [] is a distributed computing platform that facilitates more Internet-based collaboration and more inter-Web site communication." See Belifiore, paragraph [00015), lines 2-4. However, Assignee's claimed subject matter is not related to distributed computing. In light of this, it is respectfully asserted that the Examiner's rejection of these claims has been traversed. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that this rejection of claim 1 on this ground be withdrawn.

The remaining rejected claims all patentably distinguish from Belifiore on at least on the same and/or a similar basis. Thus, it is also requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims on this ground as well.

For at least the reasons above, Assignee respectfully submits that claims 1- 47 are allowable and requests that the Examiner permit these claims to proceed to issuance. Although additional arguments are believed to exist for distinguishing the cited documents, the foregoing is believed sufficient to address the Examiner's rejections. Likewise, failure of the Assignee to respond to a position taken be the Examiner is not an indication of acceptance or acquiescence of the Examiner's position. Instead it is believed that the Examiner's positions are rendered moot by the foregoing and,

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therefore, it is believed not necessary to respond to every position taken by the Examiner with which Assignee does not agree.

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### CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Consideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3130.

Respectfully submitted,

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